

In the Specification

Please Replace the paragraph at page 2, lines 11 through 19 with the below paragraph:

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A request for retrieval of one or more managed objects from a managed element is generated by the network management application in the management station. The request for retrieval of one or more managed objects requires a message to be sent from the management station to the managed element. Each time a selected managed object is to be retrieved, a new message is required. Therefore, managing a managed object in the managed element may require continuously requesting information from the managed object. For example, to manage the performance of the computer network, the network management application may have to periodically request that the managed element return the value of a counter.

Amendments to the specification are indicated in the attached "Marked Up Version of Amendments" (page i).

In the Claims

Please cancel Claims 2, 4, 10, 15-17, 19, 22, and 24-26.

Please amend Claims 1, 3, 18, 20, 27 and 28.

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1. (Three Times Amended) A method for prioritizing a network management request sent by a management station to a managed element, comprising the steps of:
- assigning a priority value to the network management request received by the managed element dependent upon a user identifier in a network management wrapper included in the request, the user identifier identifying the user of an application from which the request was sent; and
 - scheduling the network management request, by the managed element dependent on the assigned priority value.